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## HOLD THE PHONE

by BILL WILLIAMS

**The Birth of a Nation—**



**Few are the persons this fourth of July who will not give thanks for the kindly destiny that has made them a part of the United States.**

**In a world where the gales of warfare have swept lesser democratic nations to defeat, every American has cause for gratitude that he lives under the towering protection of the stars and stripes, and that he shares with 130 million other citizens the high task of seeing that those self-same stars and stripes long wave over this land of the free.**

**Independence day marks more than the birth of a nation. It marks the momentous day, unique in history, when the freedom and happiness of citizens was first championed by statesmen as the end and purpose of government.**

**But this fourth, to be truly glorious, calls for more than paying our respects to the great leaders who issued that Declaration of Independence 164 years ago. The day calls for an appraisal of our new responsibilities in this swiftly changing world. It calls for foresight realistic enough to keep this nation abreast of the momentous pace of events, and for patriotism vigorous and enlightened enough to enable America to throw her mighty resources into the defense of her democracy and escape the pitfall of losing her freedom in the process of defending it.**

**Should we celebrate this independence day in the light of our responsibilities to protect America's freedom in the trying days ahead, we shall be paying our highest respects to the great men we honor on this occasion. It was they who entrusted us with these responsibilities and gave us a birthright of freedom to guard and cherish ceaselessly.**

**Who's Going to Control Hillman?—**

In the CIO council here a couple weeks ago the boys became "jittery" about Sidney Hillman, vice president of the congress for industrial organization, who was appointed on President Roosevelt's war board.

The "jittery" boys (I say jittery advisedly because some of them are members of the party) even sent a wire to national headquarters and demanded that he resign from the post or at least tell the "jittery" boys what policy he was going to persue.

The reply from national CIO headquarters was funny to say the least. It was something like this:

"We'll govern the destiny of Hillman's actions while a member of the board."

Now, you American citizens, can imagine the "jittery" boys telling Hillman what to do! I don't think so and I don't think Hillman will stake his reputation for a couple of "jittery" boys in Oakland or anywhere else.

Maybe it would happen in the "jittery" boys' home country, Russia, but not in America.

**Another Move of the "Commies" Uncovered—**

Another move of the "commie" party to bluff the public into voting on a "peace ballot" was uncovered in San Francisco last week.

The communists had nerve enough to set up booths in front of the city hall and also had nerve enough to ask American citizens to vote for "peace" on a ballot that originated in the minds of Moscow agents.

Yes, and I'm ashamed to say it, a certain bunch of labor leaders in the city by the golden gate fell for the "communist set-up." The picture was painted them (as only the communists know how) as to what a "peace ballot" would mean to San Francisco . . . and they took the bait, hook, line and sinker.

Later on, however, most unions in San Francisco condemned the "peace ballot" as a part of the communist propaganda and the "mess" was finally cleaned up.

In Oakland we should be on the look out for similar set-ups.

**CIO-Communist Marriage—**

*I'm in possession of a circular that notifies the press of a meeting called by Mr. Schneiderman, secretary of the communist party.*

*And to top it off with it comes from the same address as those now trying to organize a building trades council under the CIO.*

*Just as this column has predicted time and time again . . . the CIO is definitely connected with the communist party for they sleep, eat and drink together.*

*You can tell them by the company they keep. And the CIO's company in this case is Schneiderman, communist secretary.*

**Another So-Called "Peace Meeting"—**

**Early this week a meeting was held in a local high school. Like all communist meetings it was called in the name of "peace".**

**Labor's non-partisan league, the Peoples' world (communist news-**

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## STATE FEDERATION CONDEMNS THE 'DOLLAR' PATRIOTS

### Communists and "Dollar Patriots" Try to Discredit Labor Unions, Says Executive Board

"Dollar patriots" and communists were rapped this week in resolutions adopted by the executive board of the California State Federation of Labor.

Asserting that "events in Europe have conclusively demonstrated that adequate national defense is impossible unless workingmen and women have something to fight for besides phrases, the federation condemned "dollar patriots who are taking advantage of the current national defense program to demand that labor give up every gain made by it in recent years."

Communists were denounced for the disruption caused by them in trade unions which the dollar patriots "are using to whip up public sentiment against all unions so that repressive legislation may be adopted against trade unions in the guise of national defense."

**Resolution**

Whereas, Events in Europe have conclusively demonstrated that adequate national defense is impossible unless workingmen and women have something to fight for besides phrases; and

Whereas, Some of our more illustrious dollar patriots are taking advantage of the current national defense program to demand that labor give up every gain made by it in recent years while at the same time demanding from the United States government a guarantee of 12 per cent minimum profits on defense orders; and

Whereas, These same dollar patrioteers are using the disruption caused by the communists in the trade union movement to whip up public sentiment against all unions so that repressive legislation may be adopted against trade unions in the guise of national defense; and

Whereas, These dollar patriots have the same objective effect of undermining our democratic ideals and institutions as do the communists; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the executive board of the California State Federation of Labor, meeting in San Francisco on June 23rd, hereby goes on record as condemning the propaganda of the dollar patriots against labor.

## Teamsters Given Full Support of California Labor

### Full Assistance Offered by By California State Federation of Labor To Oakland Teamsters

The executive board of the California State Federation of Labor voted yesterday to place all the resources of the federation behind the strike of Teamsters' Union No. 70 against the Draymens' Association of Oakland.

Charles Real, secretary of Local No. 70, and vice president of the state federation, asserted that intrusion of the Oakland Industrial association into the dispute had served to prolong the strike.

**"The strike was called to obtain a more equitable wage for our membership and to improve working conditions," Real said. "Most of the members of the draymen's association recognized the justice of our demands, but pressure from outside interests has kept them from negotiating a just settlement with the union."**

## Joint Meeting Held by Laundry Workers' Council

Delegates from California District Council No. 2, laundry workers, met in joint session with delegates from District Council No. 1 in Sacramento last Sunday. Forty-one delegates attended the meeting and reported on working conditions in Bakersfield, Fresno, Stockton, Sacramento, San Mateo, San Francisco, San Rafael, Vallejo, Richmond and Oakland.

Many interesting subjects were discussed by the delegates. At a later date a committee will report on consolidating the two councils into one in the state of California.

Another meeting of District Council No. 2 will be held in Vallejo, Sunday, August 4.

## TOWN HOUSE IN SANTA BARBARA PLACED ON STATE'S "UNFAIR" LIST

The Town House, operated by M. O. Meyers, at 1321 State street, Santa Barbara, was placed on the official "We Don't Patronize" list by the executive board of the California State Federation of Labor, at its regular quarterly meeting held in San Francisco Sunday.

"Reason for taking the unprecedented step of having the state federation of labor declare a local Santa Barbara establishment 'unfair'" Secretary Edward D. Vandeleur said, "was due to the fact that the Citizens' Association of Santa Barbara, a group allied with the associated farmers, had entered the picture against the unions.

"Bee Tumber and Loleta Grande, representatives of the Santa Barbara culinary union, appeared before the board and explained that the operator of the Town House, M. O. Meyers, was a leading spirit in the anti-labor group and had enlisted its support against the union."

Vandeleur added that the Central Labor Council of Santa Barbara, the building trades council and the joint council of teamsters had already declared the Town House "unfair."

## Subversive Groups Hit in Resolution By Pulp Workers

### Union Demands That Un-American Activities Cease in U. S.; Resolution Forwarded to President

The following resolution was adopted recently by Bayshore Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers' Union, Local No. 255. The resolution viciously attacks the "fifth column" and the "Trojan horse" and demands the registration of all aliens:

Whereas, The president of these United States of America has recognized in the activities of certain groups the menace to our democratic form of government through their "fifth column," "Trojan horse" and subversive activities; and

Whereas, The president of these United States has called upon congress to enact adequate legislation to deal with any person or group of persons who engage in un-American activities, and the registration of all aliens; and

Whereas, Bayshore Local Union No. 225, international brotherhood of pulp, sulphite and paper mill workers (A. F. of L.) of Alameda county, California, has, since its inception, fostered and fought for the maintenance of democracy in government; and

Whereas, Said Bayshore Local Union No. 255, believes that the subversive element in our country should be controlled; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Bayshore Local Union No. 255 of Alameda county hereby goes on record in support of the passage of proper legislation for the control of the "fifth column," the "Trojan horse," and registration of all aliens in the United States of America and its possessions; and be it further

Resolved: that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the president of the United States, our congressmen from this district, to the president-secretary of the international brotherhood of pulp, sulphite and paper mill workers, to all affiliated local unions, and to the press.

## Beauticians' Business Representative at Alameda Hospital

Business Representative Byrl Speyer of the local beauticians' union, is convalescing at the Alameda sanitorium after an operation performed during the past week.

Mrs. Speyer is active in organized labor and is a delegate to the central labor council and the Union Label League of Alameda county.

## Taxi Drivers Lose Old Time Member

Members of chauffeurs and taxi drivers' union here mourned the death of one of its old time members this week, W. C. Sweeney.

Sweeney was killed in an auto accident while on his way home after attending a meeting in Oakland. He was unconscious 72 hours before death came.

DEMAND THE UNION LABEL.

## Dual Groups Have Failed in Their Attempt to "Raid" A. F. of L. Unions Employed at Consolidated Shipyards

### "Trainmen Led Out on a Limb by Supporting CIO," Says Vandeleur; Teamsters Assist Long Beach Shipyard Workers

Refusal of the brotherhood of railway trainmen to deliver steel to the Consolidated Steel shipyard in Long Beach is the result of a "secret deal" between the leadership of the railway trainmen and the Bridges group within the CIO, it was declared by the executive board of the California State Federation of Labor, at its regular quarterly meeting held in San Francisco, June 23rd.

The brotherhood of railway trainmen also came in for condemnation for its attempt to raid A. F. of L. drivers employed by the Pacific Greyhound Bus system, who are members of the A. F. of L. Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employes, and are working under a union shop contract with the company. A. F. of L. local unions throughout the state were requested to extend every aid to the amalgamated association of street, electric railway and motor coach employes against the raid.

"Never before in its history," said Secretary Edward D. Vandeleur, "has the brotherhood of railway trainmen respected any picket lines. It is significant that the first picket line respected by the trainmen is one established by the communist group within the CIO against the Consolidated Steel shipyard in Long Beach, where the A. F. of L. has a union shop contract."

"It is apparent that the officers of the brotherhood of railway trainmen have made a secret deal with the Bridges group within the CIO and are prepared to sacrifice the interests of their members employed by the Pacific Electric lines to help the communists in their desperate drive to move into the shipbuilding industry in southern California, an industry vital to national defense," Vandeleur said.

Vandeleur stated that the combined efforts of the communists within the CIO and the brotherhood of railway trainmen had failed to prevent deliveries of steel to the Consolidated Steel shipyard.

"A. F. of L. teamsters are making regular deliveries of steel and will continue to do so as long as the brotherhood chooses to disregard its contract with the Pacific Electric lines in order to aid the CIO," Vandeleur said.

He further asserted that the California State Federation of Labor did not blame the rank and file members of the brotherhood of railway trainmen for the peculiar position taken by their leaders. "Communist tentacles stretch into the trainmen as well as into the CIO," he said, "and the membership of the trainmen have been led out on a limb."

"In the 1934 general strike, the brotherhood of railway trainmen refused to respect picket lines because they were under contract," Vandeleur said. "Now, in Long Beach, the brotherhood of railway trainmen is also under contract, there is no bona fide labor dispute, but the leadership has ordered its members to respect a picket line established by the CIO in an effort to pirate an A. F. of L. contract."

In support of the shipyard workers the state federation's executive board adopted the following resolution:

**Resolution**

Whereas, The shocking events in Europe have impressed upon the consciousness of our people the peril to our democratic ideals and institutions from "fifth column" agents for foreign dictatorships working in our midst; and

Whereas, The communist party and the nazi bund have served as holding companies for these fifth column agents in extending tentacles into every phase of our national life in order to undermine our physical and mental defense against the monstrous assault against civilization embodied in the totalitarian regimes; and

Whereas, The communist party, in particular, has sought to stretch as many tentacles as it could into the trade union movement, so that it could gain control of workers in vital defense industries; and

Whereas, The American Federation of Labor has stood and still stands as a bulwark against such efforts by the communists, and until the organization of the CIO was able to keep the trade union comparatively free of communist influence. and

Whereas, With the establishment of the CIO, the communists took advantage of the inexperience of many workers joining a union for the first time to saddle control over many CIO unions, until today, in California, the CIO is operated virtually as a branch of the communist party; and

Whereas, The communists, using the CIO as a shield, as part of their program of sabotage, are exerting every effort to gain control of shipbuilding in Long Beach, because of its vital role in national defense, having even offered to perform the work at wage scales substantially below those enjoyed by the American Federation of Labor under contract with the Consolidated Steel company, and failing in this, have rallied their members and followers to picket the shipyard to try to prevent American Federation of Labor members from performing the work, in which they have been unsuccessful; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the executive board of the California State Federation of Labor, meeting in San Francisco on June 23, stands committed to unremitting support of our democratic ideals and institutions and the necessary measures to defend and protect them, and urges the public to support the American Federation of Labor in the steps it may find necessary to take to bring to a halt the activities of any fifth columnists found in the labor movement.

## Beware of False Labor Solicitors, Say AFL Leaders

### False Solicitors Using Name of A. F. L. Without Authorization

Merchants and manufacturers were notified today, by representatives of the central labor and building and construction trades councils, to beware of solicitors going about Oakland and surrounding cities soliciting ads for an "unknown" labor publication.

**"Be on the lookout for so-called labor publications that are in no way connected with the American Federation of Labor unions in Alameda county. The A. F. of L. is NOT publishing a blue book or a semi-annual year book and merchants, manufacturers and all business houses are warned against subscribing to these 'false' publications," said James H. Quinn, president of the building trades council and G. A. Silverthorn, secretary of the central labor council here.**

Representatives of the East Bay Labor Journal, the official newspaper of the A. F. of L. in Alameda county, carry credentials signed by Mr. Quinn or Mr. Silverthorn. The Journal does not solicit ads over the phone.

## Records of State Officials to Be Published

Voting records of assemblymen and senators, as compiled by the California State Federation of Labor, should be the basis for political endorsements by central labor councils and unions, it was declared last Sunday by the executive board of the state federation, at its regular quarterly meeting held in San Francisco.

"Performance is the only true index as to what may be expected by labor from a candidate for office," Secretary Vandeleur said. "Voting records, compiled and published by the California State Federation of Labor, offer such an index. Copies of these records have been sent to all central labor councils and unions for their guidance."

The executive board, Vandeleur further announced, went on record commending Congressman Richard Welch for his splendid labor record in Washington, and expressed its wish that he be reelected.

The constitutional amendment removing liens from property of old age pension recipients was endorsed by the executive board, Vandeleur said, and the board also reiterated its opposition to the daylight saving initiative.

## CARPENTERS 1158 ADJOURN MEETING

There will be no meeting of Carpenters' Union, Local No. 1158 of Berkeley, July 5th.

Due to the holiday the meeting has been postponed until Friday, July 12 at which time the newly elected officers will be installed.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting adjourns.

## KRAFT PHENIX CO. IN CONTRACT WITH UNION

### Milk Wagon Drivers Sign Local Firm; Granted Wage Increase and Closed Shop

The strike at the Kraft Phenix Cheese plant in Oakland ended this week when representatives of the union and the management reached an agreement.

Terms of the agreement, according to William Franklin, union secretary, called for the following conditions: A wage increase of $2.50 a week for the 22 men employed by the company, the 45-hour-week, the closed shop and one week's vacation with pay.

A strike at the local plant was called four weeks ago when the company refused to meet the terms of Milk Wagon Drivers' Union, Local No. 302. The company was immediately placed on the "unfair" list in California.

When the agreement was signed early this week the company was removed from the "We Don't Patronize" list and union men, their families and friends are asked to give all the patronage possible to this now union concern.

## STEAMSHIP FIRM SIGNS AFL RADIO UNION PACT

The marine division of the commercial telegraphers' union, A. F. of L. affiliate, announced the signing of an agreement with the Isthmian Steamship company, a subsidiary of the United States Steel corporation, covering the radio officers employed on the company's vessels, totaling 27 cargo ships in intercoastal and round-the-world services.

The agreement provides for a preferential hiring clause, two weeks' vacation yearly with pay, the new union freight ship wage scale of $130 per month and recognition as radio officers on shipboard. The officers on the tankers will receive from $140 to $180 a month.

Louis J. Kleinklaus, secretary-treasurer of the union, said the agreement was the result of a secret election among the radio officers conducted by the national labor relations board, in which the union polled 25 votes out of the 27 cast, defeating the CIO American communications association.

## 27 UNIONS SUBSCRIBE $700 TO RED CROSS

Over $700 has already been subscribed by 27 unions affiliated with the A. F. of L. to the American Red Cross.

Local unions were called upon this week to render all the financial assistance possible to the Red Cross by representatives of the A. F. of L. unions here.

Many A. F. of L. organizations have assessed members $1 each; this money when fully collected will be turned over to the local chapter thereby increasing the A. F. of L.'s contribution by several hundred dollars.

## Galliano Appointed Legal Adviser to Central Council

By motion of delegates attending the central labor council meeting here Monday night, James F. Galliano, local attorney, was appointed legal adviser to the council.

A committee was appointed to work out the details with Mr. Galliano and report back to the council next Monday night. The committee is comprised of William P. Fee, council president, G. A. Silverthorn, council secretary and John Philpott, treasurer.

## *$520,360,802 Federal Subsidy for Farmers*

The agricultural adjustment administration announced that total payments already disbursed and estimated to be disbursed in the 1939 agricultural conservation program, including national and administrative expenses, amounted to $520,360,802 as of April 30, 1940.

## LOADINGS STILL RISE

Car loadings continue to go up. For the week ending last Saturday, the total was 712,445 cars, an increase of 12.4 per cent over a year ago and 28.2 per cent above 1938.

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## FLASH
## Teamsters' Special Meeting Saturday

**All members of Teamsters' Union, Local No. 70, affected by the strike, will meet in special session tomorrow (Saturday) night to vote on the proposal submitted to the union by the draymen's association.**

**Meeting will convene at 8 o'clock.**

## Sign Painters Return From Coast Conference

Al Wyness and G. L. Boyer, members of the sign and pictorial painters' local union, returned from Seattle early this week after attending a coast conference of delegates from several sign and pictorial painters' unions.

Various discussions took place on working conditions in the sign painters' industry, according to Wyness, and a report will be made to the union during the coming week.

## Machinists Show Increase in Local Membership

Members of Machinists' Lodge No. 284, an A. F. of L. affiliate, held their regular meeting a few days ago at the Golden Glow plant on 7th street.

After the meeting beer and corned beef and cabbage were served followed by songs and entertainment. Many of the old-time members attended.

D. M. Wilson, business manager, reported an increase in membership and many agreements signed during the past three months.

The union's headquarters are in the A. F. of L. building in Oakland.

## MORE UNIONS OFFER SUPPORT TO TEAMSTERS

### Labor and Trades Council And State Federation Offer Backing to Unionists

Several individual A. F. of L. organizations this week threw their undivided support to the teamsters' union in their strike against the Draymen's Association of Alameda county.

Union members, all affiliated with the brotherhood of teamsters, struck the local draymen's association four weeks ago over the refusal of the employers to meet union requests.

Last Saturday night the union turned down the employers' proposal (which offered the teamsters practically nothing) by a vote of 1,274 to 47. The vote was by secret ballot.

Rallying to the teamsters' support today were, east bay corrugated fibre products workers' union, international association of machinists, sign and pictorial painters' union, the building and construction trades council, clerks and lumber handlers and the paint makers' union.

The Central Labor Council of Alameda county, representing some 50,000 trade unionists and friends, sent a letter to the teamsters' union offering their undivided support also, as did the California State Federation of Labor.

Compromise proposals were submitted by both groups yesterday and the union is expected to take action on the employers' proposal within a few days.

Charles Real, union secretary, reported today the signing of an agreement with the Steel Distributors' Association of Oakland calling for one week's vacation with pay, 8 a. m. starting time and 50 cents a day wage increase.

Other large organizations signed up this week also, Real said.

Members of organized labor and their friends are asked to make sure the teamster delivering your goods carries an A. F. of L. card or working button.

## JUDGE REFUSES TO GRANT PORT COMMISSIONERS INJUNCTION AGAINST UNIONS

### No Unlawful Means Used in Boycotting, Judge Rules; Unions and Contractors Fight Use of WPA Labor on Air Port Job

The board of port commissioners recently filed suit against the Building and Construction Trades Council of Alameda county and a number of the unions affiliated with the building and construction trades council, together with the Associated General Contractors of America, and various individual business representatives, claiming that the unions and the contractors had conspired to prevent building and construction of the proposed hangar and repair shop at the Oakland airport because they unanimously objected to the use of WPA labor for skilled work on the projects.

In their suit the port board asked for an injunction to prevent the unions and contractors from boycotting or picketing any construction work at the airport.

**Order to Show Cause Granted**

Judge T. W. Harris earlier refused to grant a temporary restraining order but an order to show cause was issued requiring the unions and contractors to show cause why an injunction should not be granted.

At the hearing the building and construction trades council was represented by J. C. Reynolds, its business representative, and by Attorney Clifton Hildebrand for the building and construction trades council and the various unions who were sued. Similarly Gardiner Johnson appeared as attorney for the associated general contractors together with William E. Hague, secretary-manager of the Central California Chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America.

**Decision Is Labor Victory**

The decision was one of great interest to labor and should be heralded by labor throughout the state and nation because it marks a signal victory for the building trades unions in their long fight to prevent the employment of WPA labor in competition with skilled union labor on public projects.

**In his decision on this matter Judge Tryon who is sitting in Alameda county as a visiting judge from Del Norte county, denied the injunction ruling that there was no "evidence of conspiracy to boycott by unlawful means employed in boycotting to warrant the issuance of an injunction."**

Four witnesses were called by the board in support of its petition for an injunction. These witnesses testified that they had been advised that the unions would not furnish labor to work in competition with WPA non-union labor on skilled work. They also testified that when the contractors found out that they could not get the labor they refrained from bidding on the job. William E. Hague for the contractors testified that the action of the contractors was furthermore in conformity with a resolution passed at their annual convention on February 8, 1940.

**Decision May Eliminate "Cut Throat" Competition**

The decision is looked upon as a signal victory for union labor and it is hoped that it will be a starting point for elimination of cut-throat WPA non-union labor with skilled workers.

J. C. Reynolds, business representative for the building and construction trades council, testified that his organization decided not to work on the job on the plan suggested but he had attempted to make an arrangement with the WPA and the board of port commissioners whereby certain types of work could be done on the hangar construction by the WPA. Reynolds said his men had not objected to any work being done by the WPA where it is on a non-competitive basis with skilled labor.

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# WHO'S WHO IN UNIONS



PATRICK E. GORMAN

Patrick E. Gorman, president of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America entered the packing industry as an employe of the Cudahey company in Louisville in 1910. He served as secretary of his local union from 1914 to 1920 when he was elected general vice president of the international union. In 1923 he was elevated to the presidency, which position he now holds.

Mr. Gorman was a graduate of St. Xavier college and in 1917 he received a law degree from the University of Louisville. His experience in the labor union movement together with his education have well fitted him for the responsible position of leadership that he now holds in his international union.

Through Mr. Gorman's leadership, his international union has succeeded in negotiating a nation-wide agreement with the National Retail Meat Dealers' association, which virtually gives butcher workmen a closed shop agreement in 30,000 stores operated by this association. He has been able to negotiate agreements for the members of his international union in other meat markets and the workmen operate their own strike and retirement benefits as well as death funds.

His address is: Mr. Patrick E. Gorman, president, Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America, 160 North LaSalle street, room 706, Chicago, Illinois.




**MEAT CUTTERS AND BUTCHERS' STORE CARD**

The Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America adopted a union shop card in 1897. It is displayed in the windows or on the walls of all butcher shops and retail stores where meats are sold..

## S. F. Duplicating Machine Co. Is Operating Union

The Niagara Duplicator company of San Francisco, recently signed a union shop and die authorization and label agreement with Lodge No. 1327 of the international association of machinists.

Mr. I. M. Ornburn, secretary-treasurer of the Union Label Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor, this week stated that the Niagara Duplicator company, manufactures stencil duplicating machines and furnishes complete supplies including stencils and ink. All these products are now made under 100 per cent union conditions. The employes are members of the international association of machinists, who are receiving better wage rates than are obtained in any other similar shop in the United States.

Mr. Ornburn urged all labor unionists and their friends to promote the use and sale of Niagara duplicating machines and Niagara supplies in offices and other business establishments throughout America.

Any one desiring further information concerning these duplicating machines can write to the Niagara Duplicator company, 128 Main street, San Francisco.

## AFL WINS RESTAURANT BALLOT IN NEW YORK

Hotel and Restaurant Workers' Union, Local No. 16, A. F. of L. affiliate, was chosen by employes of the Murray Hill Restaurant, Inc., as their bargaining agent in an election held by the New York state relations board. Out of sixty-one employes voting, 42 cast ballots for the A. F. of L. union and 19 against it.

## National Defense Plan Boosts U. S. Payroll

The civil service commission estimated that more than a million men and women will be working for the federal government when the national defense program gets under way. As a starter the commission said there was an increase of 13,300 in civilian government employes during April. Total employment rose from 945,836 in March to 959,146 in April. Increases included 2929 in the Panama canal administration; 2680 in the navy department, and 886 in the war department.

# Facing the Facts

with PHILIP PEARL

The retirement of Joseph N. Weber as president of the American federation of musicians after forty years of leadership in that great union should be marked by more than a passing sigh.

No man in the American labor movement is more widely loved or respected. No man in the American labor movement more richly deserves a tribute of praise than this courageous leader of the musicians.



JOSEPH N. WEBER

Slender, grey-haired, gentle, modest Joe Weber has displayed the qualities of a fighter throughout his long career. More than two-score years ago he started from scratch in Denver by organizing a local union of musicians. When he became president of the national organization it was still a tiny group. Today the union has 135,000 members. It embraces every great orchestra in the nation. The members of this union make the music of America. In every symphony hall, in every ballroom, in every hotel and restaurant and over every radio, the music we hear is performed by union musicians.

This achievement is all the more remarkable when we remember that musicians are artists and therefore individually temperamental. To get them together and to get them to stick together in a union organization was a feat of education, persuasiveness and persistence that required a lifetime of inspired leadership.

**A LIFE-TIME JOB**

The musicians of America love Joe Weber. He has never treated the slightest one of them meanly or unjustly. They appreciate what he has accomplished for them materially and spiritually. This appreciation was expressed in concrete form when the 750 delegates to the union's convention in Indianapolis voted to create a special life-time post for him as technical adviser at $20,000 a year.

So Joe Weber is far from through yet. If we know him, he will continue to work day and night for the interests of the men and women to which he has devoted his whole life. No one could drag him away from that job.

In recent years, technological advances have destroyed thousands of jobs held by musical performers. The radio, the phonograph, canned music that is piped into amusement places by telephone—all of these developments have threatened to decimate the number of jobs open to musicians. With stubborn perseverance, Mr. Weber has fought unyieldingly to protect his members and they have come through critical times with a large measure of success.

Any appraisal of Mr. Weber's career would be entirely inadequate if it failed to mention the inspiration and assistance he has received from his faithful wife. Mrs. Weber, always at her husband's side, is fully as devoted to his job as Mr. Weber. Anyone who has ever seen them together could not help being impressed by their loving and unselfish regard for each other. If ever there was an ideal couple this is it.

**A FIGHTING SPEECH**

In recent years illness has cut down Mr. Weber's activities but it has not quenched his fighting spirit. Those who attended the last convention of the American Federation of Labor in Cincinnati were afforded a striking example of that.

One of the delegates from the musicians' union in an address to the convention turned his caustic wit on President Roosevelt and took a few political cracks at him. Since this delegate is known as a confirmed Republican and since his addresses for many years have been a feature of A. F. of L. conventions, no one appeared to be unduly disturbed by his remarks. But President Roosevelt is one of Joe Weber's heroes and the musicians' union last year, and again this year, gave him their unqualified endorsement. So Joe Weber, although under doctor's orders to refrain from any excitable activity, marched up to the platform, brushed aside those who attempted to deter him and delivered an impassioned defense of the president that was one of the highlights of the convention.

Joe Weber's honesty, his integrity, his sincerity and his outstanding ability never have been questioned. He is a credit to his organization. He is a credit to the American labor movement. The American Federation of Labor can be proud of the fact that Joe Weber for many years has been one of its stalwart leaders and a member of its executive council. His record, his career and his great services to the workers of this country constitute a full and unanswerable reply to those who would like to besmirch the good name of the American labor movement.

## STROKES FROM THE BRUSH OF LOCAL No. 127

by Hughie Rutledge

We have the smallest sick list at present that we have had for many years. Brother Chris Petersen having returned to work last Monday leaves us with no one confined at home. We hope this keeps up.

We have succeeded for the first time in the history of the local to have one of our brothers receive a disability award in a case of dermatitis or thinner poison. Brother E. B. Douglas has received an award of $1,200.00 for permanent partial disability in the hearing before the state industrial accident commission. This case was handled through our legal advisers in company with your correspondent and we hope to have some more cases taken up in the near future. Again we warn the brothers who have any irritation on their hands to contact this office and receive the names of several doctors who are familiar with this disease. As this disease has been declared a hazard of the trade it comes under compensation but the sooner it is treated the sooner it can be cleared up.

It will soon be all aboard for the big painters' picnic to be held Sunday, July 14th at La Honda park on the San Pablo dam road about three miles from the main highway north. Arrangements are proceeding nicely with the enlarged entertainment committee. Tickets are available in the office of the business representatives. In the next issue of the Journal the program of events and entertainment will be published. Also the complete list of additions to the committees. All members of the committees are requested to attend the meetings held every Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock in the office of the local.

The largest job in the bay district was shut down by the business representative pro-tem of the district council who happens to be yours truly, for non payment of unemployment insurance this week. This is the big machine shop job on the naval base in Alameda. The entire records of the employer were turned over to the state unemployment reserves office for audit. Fourteen men were pulled off the job for two hours but are again at work. The result of this action will be more apparent this coming winter when the men apply for unemployment insurance.

Although this Journal is published on Friday, the deadline for news and views is Thursday, so we are unable to give the results of the election last night. Complete returns in the next issue.

Don't forget the painters' picnic. More news next week.

**ONE WIFE ENOUGH**

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## AFL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYES OPPOSE SALARY SLASH

A declaration that the American federation of government employes will oppose any attempt to cut salaries "under the cloak of defense emergency" was made by James B. Burns, national president.

"Senator Byrd's proposed amendment to the tax bill calls for a 10 per cent reduction in government expenditures," Mr. Burns said. "There is no specific mention of pay cuts but it would hardly appear that they could be avoided if the amendment were adopted.

"It is our opinion, and I am confident we have the full backing of the American Federation of Labor, that cutting wages and lowering working standards is a poor way to build morale in a time of emergency."

## FIGHT ON 'COMMUNAZIS' URGED BY LEGION HEAD

Raymond J. Kelly, national commander of the American legion, declared that there were at least 600 "communazi" organizations now functioning throughout the United States and charged that their activities constituted a great menace to the country.

"In my belief," he said in an editorial in 'The National Legionnaire,' "the good of the whole nation compels summary action to be taken by our properly constituted federal, state and local authorities to stamp out in their entirety the activities of these subversives, irrespective of what may happen to their fellow-travelers or innocent bystanders. This is no time for quibbling. We must pull no punches."

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## OVER THE COUNTER

by JIM SUFFRIDGE

**Grapevine**

It is rumored that one employer has equipped a training store (away from the eyes of the public) to train a large number of non-union clerks in the fine art of merchandising. I wonder if this move could possibly coincide with the expiration date of our agreement. All employers tell us that they don't object to dealing with conservative unions, while on the other hand, in many cases, the employers force unions to take what they term radical action in order to survive.

**Very Unofficial**

From all indications the bunions will be spared this Labor day. The officers of 870 wish to thank the members for their fine co-operation in voting to parade. We believe the more union members parading the less pickets parading.

So far the vote of the central labor council shows there will be no parade Labor day.

**Independence Day**

Remember, you are entitled to July the 4th off with full pay in addition to your regular day off.

**Mistletoe**

Some of our members hang around the store on their day off and chisel a little. The others are competent enough to hold their jobs and also hold the respect of their union.

**Johnston Jumps**

According to the radio interview last Saturday night from the St. Francis hotel, Brother Alex Johnston will be honeymooning the next few weeks in Canada. Congratulations, Alex.

**Off Again**

The milk wagon drivers' union reports that Kraft products are now off the unfair list. Support the drivers and demand the union button when receiving merchandise.

**Members Sick**

Members: Lillian Alves, Ellen Armstrong, Merle Profumo, Roy J. Anderson, Harry A. Stubbs, Earl Laux, Edward Pryor and William Willis are recorded on the current sick list.

**Meetings**

The regular union meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Next meeting July 9, 1940.

## Laws Safeguarding Women Boost Jobs

Every time decent minimum wages are established for women, sweat-shoppers raise the cry that this will lead to displacement of women by men. The claim has been echoed by the national woman's party.

That fiction was exploded in a report made this week by Mrs. William Kittle, member of the District of Columbia's minimum wage board. The district ordered a $17-a-week minimum for women employed in stores.

A year after that scale went into effect, feminine employes in Washington's seven biggest stores jumped up from 5,185 to 5,300. Furthermore, the minimum didn't become the maximum as many low wage advocates predicted it would. Actually, the number of women drawing higher than the $17 "floor" rose by nearly a third.

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## WHAT I HEAR AND SEE AROUND THE LABOR TEMPLE

By A. ROUNDER

I wonder why Hughie Rutledge is called "Pink Room Hostess." Some one, some time, some place is going to donate Hugh a meeting hall so he won't be interrupted by the female sex rushing into the "Pink Room" at the northend of the temple of labor with pained expressions on their faces. Hughie, always a gentleman tells the ladies to go ahead and accomplish their purpose . . . he never realizes that they may be timid, then again they don't always want to hide behind a curtain. And that pink carnation, Hugh . . . does it serve as a working button for "Pink Room Hostesses?"

I wonder if the softball player of the laborers' union thinks he's keeping a secret by buying flowers on the side and sending them into the office to Ray every day? This softball player, with a patch over his eye, is trying hard to keep his secret from the boys, but ye Old Rounder has always got his eyes open and discovered the man behind the flowers. Might as well put a card on the next bunch, John.

I wonder how many Raleigh cigarette coupons it took to buy Jim Quinn's "rainbow" suit? And by the way, Jim, you haven't had it on lately, how come?

I wonder if Frank Lawrence's face will ever get as red as it was the other day when a non-union auto salesman had Frankie almost signed to a contract to buy a new car before he discovered the guy didn't carry a union card? The boys around the temple sure gave Frank a going over before a union salesman was called . . . and the non-union guy sure took a beating before he left also. Remember this saying, Frank: "Always ask for the union card or button and your face won't ever get red."

I wonder if G. Gibbs is still carrying a package of Lucky Strikes, non-union cigarettes, in the glove compartment of his car? If so George, I'm surprised. Be consistent, that's my motto.

I wonder why the painters are asking Earl Davidson to help them with their dance music for the picnic? I didn't know Earl was a member of the musicians' union. And I don't think all the painters are "banjo" players.

I wonder if "Iron Mike" Mathieson, of the lathers, thinks he knows blonds when he sees them? Last week at Finnochio's in San Francisco, Mike was seriously mistaken. Who wouldn't be at Finnochio's?

I wonder why a certain lady affiliated with the honorable ladies' auxiliary used Japanese made thumb tacks to tack down the paper on the tables for the party the other night? Ladies, you are organized to buy American, NOT Japanese!

I wonder why Bob Ash is so secretive about his birthday? It's July 1, isn't it, Bob?

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# AFL Labor Protection Planks Presented to GOP Convention

## Green and Meany Submit Platform Recommendations Drafted by Executive Council

Broad and comprehensive recommendations for the protection of labor were presented by President William Green and Secretary-Treasurer George Meany to the resolutions committee of the republican national committee at a public hearing in Philadelphia.

The A. F. of L. chiefs urged that these planks be incorporated in the republican party platform. In accordance with the federation's non-partisan political policy, the same recommendations will be submitted to the democratic national convention next month.

The specific suggestions, drawn up by the executive council, covered twenty-seven separate topics. A summary of the recommendations follows:

National Defense. — Labor must be represented in the administration and formulation of emergency defense measures. No weakening or lowering of standards without agreement of unions concerned. Minimum wage, maximum hour and social legislative standards must not be lowered. Provision should be made for payment of dismissal wages to insure workers against privation in post-emergency readjustments of industry.

Subversive Activities. — Investigate and prosecute organizations aiming to overthrow our form of government by force.

Aliens.—Resident aliens engaged in subversive activities who advocate dictatorship, revolution and a violent overthrow of our government should be deported promptly.

Civil Liberties. — These rights should be preserved and continue unabridged by any agency of government.

Anti-Trust.—Labor unions should be exempted from prosecution under these laws by amendments in clear language which could not be misinterpreted or circumvented and appropriations should be opposed for anti-trust prosecutions which do not contain safeguards for labor.

Unemployment. — This is still domestic problem No. 1. Public relief must be continued. A long range program of public works should be undertaken to include especially such national defense projects as transcontinental express highways, airport construction and the building of hospitals. New channels for private investment in industry must be found. We propose a re-employment finance program under which the RFC would be empowered to guarantee long term loans to industries which would create jobs.

Right to Organize.—We reiterate our support of the fundamental principles and policies of the national labor relations act but demand impartial administration of these policies, free from bias and partisanship.

High Wages.—We earnestly request you to incorporate in your platform a declaration favoring the principle of high wages.

Shorter Work Day and Week.—We urge that your platform declare in favor of a shortening of hours of work without reduction in the purchasing power of the workers involved.

Social Security.—Expand and perfect the present program. There should be no reduction in unemployment compensation taxes until benefits are substantially increased. Old age insurance should be extended to cover all wage earners. Permanent disability should be insured against. We urge the adoption of a national health insurance program. There should be created in the department of labor an industrial hygiene agency to protect workers against occupational hazards.

Child Labor.—We urge ratification by the states of the child labor amendment.

Housing. — We stand committed for a public housing program and demand the continuation and expansion of the low rent housing and slum clearance program of the U. S. housing authority.

A surprise recommendation called for the appointment of a union representative as secretary of labor.

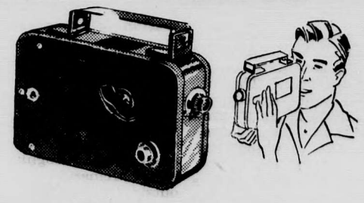
Other recommendations grouped under various headings included federal aid for education, appropriations for vocational education, maintenance of the national employment service, continuation of a restricted immigration policy, protection of wage and working standards by law, enactment of state laws patterned after the federal Norris-La Guardia anti-injunction act, more adequate compensation for federal employes, extension of the civil service and home rule for Puerto Rico.

## *USHA Provides Homes For 10,506 Families*

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# Wm. Green Tells Of Congressman Carter's Record

### Labor Record Is 100 Per Cent Union, Says Head of A. F. of L.

"Congressman Carter's labor record while a member of the congress of the United States is virtually 100 per cent favorable to organized labor."

So said William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, in answer to inquiries received at his office from labor unions in California.

Green further stated:

**"Congressman Carter has voted to protect free labor from the competition of convict-made products. He supported the Norris-LaGuardia anti-injunction bill, voted against the sales tax, against suspending the Saturday half-holiday for government employes, supported social security legislation in general, voted for the railroad retirement measure, for low rent housing, for an acceptable wage and hour bill, and for relief and work relief.**

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# HOLC PAYS $68,000,000 FOR RENOVATING HOMES

Charles A. Jones, general manager of the home owners' loan corporation, reported that up to May 1 of this year $68,000,000 had been invested to repair and renovate homes and other holdings acquired by the HOLC. In addition, the corporation also supervised the spending of about $85,000,000 for the benefit of the borrowers toward making their homes not only livable, but providing a stronger mortgage security.

# Rayon Plant Employess Prefer A. F. of L. Union

Employes of the rayon yarn producing mills of the American Bemberg corporation and the North American Rayon corporation at Elizabethton, Tenn., rolled up a big majority in favor of the American Federation of Labor as their collective bargaining agency in an election held under the supervision of the national labor relations board. The vote of the operatives was 1,748 for the American Federation of Labor and 681 for the CIO.

# Life Insurance Company Signs AFL Agents' Pact

The Philanthropic Mutual Life Insurance company of Philadelphia, Pa., signed a contract with the Industrial and Ordinary Insurance Agents' Union, No. 21858, affiliated with the A. F. of L., for their employes in three district offices in Philadelphia. The company is one of the oldest mutual life insurance companies operating in Pennsylvania and has approximately one hundred million dollars of insurance in force.

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# AUXILIARY NOTES

*How the Women Are Helping Through their Organizations*

## Machinists' Auxiliary No. 97

**PAST PRESIDENTS**

Past Presidents' club of No. 97 had their broadcast over radio station KROW of Oakland, last Tuesday, June 18, at 10:15 on the Miller cook book quiz. They received a check for eight dollars and each participant received two pounds of Miller's assorted meats. Past President Anna Hoover was in the audience and was awarded two pounds of Miller's assorted meats for giving the correct answer to a quiz question. Those who went on the air for the club were President Ora Granter, Lorraine Metteer, Margaret Grzelak and Myldred O'Leary.

Ora Granter, president of the Past Presidents' club, extends her thanks to all those who listened in and who visited the studio.

**OFFICERS' MEETING**

The officers of No. 97 held their monthly meeting at the home of Valia Hill with Margaret Rains as co-hostess. After much admiration of Sister Hill's brand new home, the meeting was called to order by President Alpha Feddersen. Following several discussions the meeting adjourned and refreshments were served. On leaving Sister Hill and Sister Rains all agreed they had enjoyed a pleasant evening.

**SILVER TEA**

The cedar chest committee held a silver tea at the home of Florence Shaffer. About sixteen ladies were present. Naomi Vercelli brought her sewing club to the tea. Sister Shaffer served sandwiches, homemade cake and tea, and then told the fortunes of all present. A silver offering was given at the close of the afternoon's pleasure.

**CLOTHES HAMPER**

Did you bring your donation for the clothes hamper that is to be given away on July 24? This hamper must be filled and any donations of bathroom accessories will be appreciated.

If you want tickets for this hamper see Lorraine Metteer or any of the social committee. They are 10 cents or 3 for 25 cents.

**NOTES**

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. O'Leary and daughter, Myldred, left Sunday for a visit to Summer Home park on the Russian river where their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Koenig and son are spending their vacation. Sister O'Leary has not been feeling very well this past week. No. 97 hopes she is feeling much better by now.

Ladies Auxiliary No. 97 hopes Josie Tomsic is continuing to convalesce as rapidly as she has been in the past.

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## Carpenters' Auxiliary No. 160

**NOMINATIONS-ELECTION**

Friday evening (tonight), June 28th, is nomination and election of officers, so be present and support your officers. Meeting 8 p. m., in Carpenters' hall.

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

July 12th, 8 p. m., is the date of our installation.

**THREAD AND NEEDLE CLUB**

Next meeting of Thread and Needle club is Thursday, July 11, 2:30 p. m. at the home of Tessie O'Leary.

**BLUE BIRDS**

Are you watching the dates of birthday anniversaries? If not, do so.

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## Labor Temple Auxiliary

**BUSINESS MEETING**

Business meeting of Labor Temple auxiliary is Tuesday evening, July 2nd, 8 p. m. in labor temple. The newly installed officers with President Pearl Scott will be there to greet you. Hope to see you all present with your new members.

**INSTALLATION-DINNER**

On Saturday evening, June 22nd, at 6:30 p. m. the Labor Temple auxiliary celebrated the night of installation with a dainty cold turkey supper. This affair began with a salute to the flag, led by little Miss Sharon Lee Smith, the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Paterson. The inner man satisfied the retiring president, Daisy Chilson, called on those present for a few remarks, the principal speaker being Councilman J. H. Quinn, president of the Alameda County Building and Construction Trades Council, whose remarks on some important happenings in the world today were well received.

When Brother Neeland was called upon he was conspicuous by his absence, and where Brother W. W. Paterson found him—well, you'd be surprised.

Speech making over, the assemblage retired from the banquet hall and proceeded with the installation. The ceremony started with the placing of the officers in their various stations from whence they were conducted to the altar by Installing Guide Janet Neeland. Retiring President Daisy Chilson administered the oath of office. The following officers were installed for the ensuing term, and conducted to their official stations: Past president, Daisy Chilson; president, Pearl Scott; vice president, Inez Wager; treasurer, Anne Jones; recording secretary, Tessie O'Leary; chaplain, Virginia Nicholas; guide, Florence Shaffer; trustees, Lucy Fowler, Hattie Scott, Olga Quinn, and Louise Durrer.

Retiring Past President Edna Paterson presented Past President Daisy Chilson with a lovely writing set on behalf of the Labor Temple auxiliary. Daisy Chilson responded with thanks to the auxiliary and remarks of advice and wisdom to the newly elected officers, and on presenting a symbol of authority a gavel to President Elect Pearl Scott she advised her to use it wisely, with justice and fairness at all times. President Scott responded with appropriate remarks that were well received.

Organist Frances Makley was presented with a beautiful bouquet by Edna Paterson.

The table decorations were assorted flowers and favors. Edna Paterson and committee deserve a compliment for the efficient handling of this affair.

Past President Daisy Chilson who acted as toastmaster and installing officer performed her part in artistic manner that indicated a wide experience in affairs of this kind.

The following proposed members were our guests for the evening: Clara Kelly, Alice Reynolds, Laura Sommerville, Jessie Houston, Edna Stone and Rose Rodgers.

The evening was closed with the singing of "God Bless America," led by Willard E. Scott.

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# AFL Auto Workers Win Broad Work Agreement

An agreement negotiated by the A. F. of L. united automobile workers' union with the Line Materials company, of Barton, provides that half of any savings in manufacturing costs are to go to the employes. Part of the workers' share of the savings is to be paid monthly in excess of regular wages, the remainder of the 50 per cent going into a pool to be distributed at the end of the year. The agreement also includes longer vacations, a seniority set up and recognition of the union as the sole bargaining agency.

## 139 More Agreements Signed by Machinists

H. W. Brown, international president of the international association of machinists, A. F. of L. affiliate, announced that in five weeks the association had signed 139 new and renewed agreements with employers. Many of the agreements carry wage increases, vacations with pay, seniority rights and other improved work conditions. The length of the work week ranges from 36 hours to 48 hours, with the 40-hour week predominating.

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# "Labor's Legal Problems"

by I. B. PADWAY

**"A. F. L. BUS DRIVER SUCCUMBS TO PHYSICAL ATTACK OF STRIKING PICKETS"**

Thus reads the headlines in another labor dispute on the west coast. Until recent years picketing was taboo. Legislation such as the NLRB, its predecessor the NRA, the Norris-LaGuardia act, liberal interpretation of constitutional guarantees by the courts, have now established the recognized precedent that picketing is legal. Liberal minded judges recognizing labor's constitutional rights, rule that picketing should not only be tolerated, but must not be interfered with. No longer can courts of the land at the behest of unscrupulous employers, issue injunctions on the merest pretext restraining labor's constitutional privilege.

Not so long ago labor unions in order to defend themselves from the vicious tactics of labor baiting employers, had to resort to like tactics as a protective measure. When these employers resorted to strike-breakers, stool-pigeon employes, private detectives, vigilantes, state militia, lockouts, tear gas and other devices in order to wreck labor, labor had no other recourse than to fight violence with violence. The day of force to gain labor's objective should be a thing of the past. Labor can and should resort to the courts for recourse against the stubborn employer. Legitimate labor organizations do take advantage of the gains by resorting to the courts. The rank and file of the American Federation of Labor recognize the effort and hardship exerted by the federation, to establish through the courts by decision labor's inalienable rights.

**GOONS DESTROY LABOR UNIONS**

Yet in this day of enlightenment we read of violence on the picket line. Right in our own back yard an A. F. of L. member succumbs to violence of "goons" on the picket line. When the press refers to "goons" as the responsible element for the death of a bus driver, they apply the proper term to those individuals who are a disgrace to labor. It is the "goon" dual unionist who is belligerently destroying labor's gains.

While we are on the subject of "goons", here recently your correspondent attended a court session in Santa Clara county.. During argument in a labor case the trial judge asked one of the lawyers: "What is a goon?". The lawyer promptly responded with a fine dissertation on the animal, so much so, that it bears repetition.

"Your honor, a goon is in reality a fictitious being created out of the mind of a certain cartoonist. In the realms of labor, he is a parasite rarely if ever employed. He does not seek work, his only ambition is to parade in a picket line where he does not belong. His chief stock in trade is vulgarity and profanity, usually leveled at some honest laborer who does not see eye to eye with his philosophy. He feels best at home when wielding a bludgeon against an unarmed adversary, particularly when morally, or immorally supported by the strength of numbers of his fellow goons. In a gang of goons he is the universal hero, alone he is the cringiest, cowardliest of men. If a strike is settled he does not return to work, he simply moves on to the next field of action. His greatest boast is that of frightening helpless women and children. He gloats in satisfaction of work well done when he has called at the home of an honest laborer, there notifying the anxious wife that her husband will be home as soon as he can leave the hospital. Like the rat that he resembles he operates best in the dark. That, your honor, is a brief summary of a 'goon'."

**MUST ELIMINATE EVIL**

If picketing is again to become in disfavor in the public mind, or courts by dicta eliminate what has been so dearly established, the work of these parasites will be the cause of the elimination. It is common knowledge that at best, labor will always be the target of the vicious employer. The question that confronts labor: shall labor permit the destruction of precedents earned, or should labor do everything within its power to eliminate this cancerous growth against its well being?

The psychology of the picket who believes that only by violence can the battle be won is unsound. Decisions bearing on picketing set down the doctrine that picketing is a form of advertising. It is advertising of this nature that resolves itself into a bitter pill for the adamant employer. The "goon", the irrational hot-headed picket, cannot understand that if you beat up the employe, the employer is not disturbed. He cannot feel the hurts that his employe is the recipient of. The truth of the matter, the employer relishes violence. The only media left for the die-hard employer to obtain court intervention is to allege violence when seeking injunctive relief.

This same employer usually tries to leave the impression that picketing does not harm him. A careful examination of his ledger will usually divulge the scars of labor's exercise of its economic rights. In the last analysis, the task of your union representative is made much lighter when you co-operate with him and picket peacably.

THEREFORE; IF YOU ARE CALLED UPON BY YOUR UNION TO PICKET PEACEABLY, DO SO, IN ORDER THAT YOUR GOAL WILL BE ATTAINED WITHOUT COURT INTERFERANCE.

# PROGRESS AT THE ALAMEDA NAVAL AIR BASE

by TOM KELLY

A couple of new contractors started to work on the base this week, the Ace Sheet Metal company and the Bay City Engineering company, both from San Francisco.

The Ace Sheet Metal company has the contract for the sheet metal work on the seaplane hangars and the H. Mayson company job. Their initial crew of three men are from Local 216, sheet metal workers.

The Bay City Engineer company was awarded the contract installing the large steel doors on the K. E. Parker company's power house job. They started work with three men from the iron workers' union of San Francisco. These men were cleared by M. J. Conley, business representative of Local 378 of Oakland.

Another big contract was let this week to Robert E. McKee of Los Angeles, who submitted a low bid of $1,149,000 for the construction of six land plane hangars. These hangars will be located on the western end of the base. Construction work has not yet started.

J. L. Martin, general contractor, who had the sub-contract of excavating and filling in the first floor on the Pete Satorias job, started out on the wrong foot. He started his job with two union men and four non-union men. I removed the four non-union men immediately and let the work proceed with the understanding that Mr. Martin would sign a building trades council agreement. He signed the agreement Tuesday.

There are three big contracts to be let this week. The bids will aggregate approximately two and a half million dollars. This will mean a lot of additional work for our men. I am very glad that these contracts are being let now as the jobs under construction are getting to the point where the contractors are starting to lay off a few of our men.

I am sorry to report that another one of our men, Frank Ephlin, a roofer from Local 81, was injured this week, but fortunately not seriously. He got his toes mashed when a large pipe that he was helping to cover, fell on his feet. He was working for the None Corrosive company of Los Angeles at the time. I hope that Frank will be back on the job real soon.

The building trades council office cleared 175 men from various crafts for work this week. This is an average of thirty-five men a day which isn't bad. I wish we could clear this many men every day.

**THE LATECOMER**

Donovan's wife awoke in the small hours to hear him stealthily moving things about in the kitchen.

"What might ye be lookin' for, darlin'?" she asked.

"Nothing," said Donovan, "just nothing."

"Oh!" said his wife, helpfully. "Then ye'll find it in the bottle where the whisky used to be.

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# McNutt Refutes Labor Shortage

### Finds Plenty of Skilled Workers for Defense Program

No general shortage in skilled labor exists at present but special efforts will be necessary to meet temporary shortages in certain specialized skills in specific local areas, according to Paul V. McNutt, federal security administrator.

In a statement dealing with the question of the adequacy of the nation's labor force for the present emergency, Mr. McNutt summarized data on the labor supply given to him by the social security board.

The data was based on the board's nation-wide inventory of 5,100,000 active job seekers registered with the state employment offices affiliated with the United States employment service.

He said that the board had received reports from thirty-three states showing a total of 3,250,000 job seekers registered in the public employment offices, of which 1,538,000 were workers in 4,953 occupations exclusive of the professional fields and unskilled labor.

The 1,538,000 included 23,000 technicians, 657,000 skilled craftsmen and 858,000 semi-skilled production workers, according to the report.

"The conclusion to be drawn from these data," said Mr. McNutt, "is that no general labor shortage exists at present."

Mr. McNutt cited a survey of workers in seventy-six particularly essential occupations in the aircraft, shipbuilding, munitions, machine shop and machine tool industries. In the thirty-three states surveyed, he said, it appeared that there were registered in April with the employment offices 5,300 tool die makers, more than 2,,300 experienced engineers and designers, about 2,000 workers with experience in other important skilled jobs in these same industries and more than 17,000 qualified machinists and mechanics.

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**The federal power commission reported this week that the "production of electric power per capita" for each person in the United States more than doubled from 410 kilowatt-hours in 1920 to 994 in 1939.**

**That tremendous increase was at least partly caused by the reduction in electric rates forced on the private utilities by the competition of T. V. A. and other public-owned "yardsticks" and by "New Deal" regulation.**

## *Texas Oil Wells Face Thirty-Day Shutdown*

With the loss of foreign markets due to the European war oil production in Texas visioned a thirty-day shutdown through an order of the state railroad commission, which is the regulatory body. There are 92,000 oil wells which would be subject to the restricted output order.

## Conciliation Service Adjusts 268 Disputes

The conciliation service of the U. S. department of labor settled 268 strikes, lockouts and other controversies last month, involving 79,050 workers, the department reported. Facilities of the service were used in 26 major industrial fields, covering 37 states, Alaska and the District of Columbia.

## D. C. Employes' Wages Cannot Be Garnisheed

Municipal Judge Nathan Cayton quashed a writ of garnishment which, if approved, would have directed the government of the District of Columbia to pay a claim against the salary of one of its employes. "The funds sought to be attached," Judge Cayton said, "are not those of the defendant and cannot become his property until actually paid over to him; until that time such funds remain charged with a public trust and cannot be diverted to secure the payment of a private debt."


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# Wages Should Be Increased

## Low Incomes Mean Poor Business

"The Wall Street Journal" has assigned two of its experts to the job of telling its readers how to "measure business." It is difficult for many of us to understand the technical description of this "index" and that "formula" and the process by which these complicated calculations are reduced to definite conclusions.

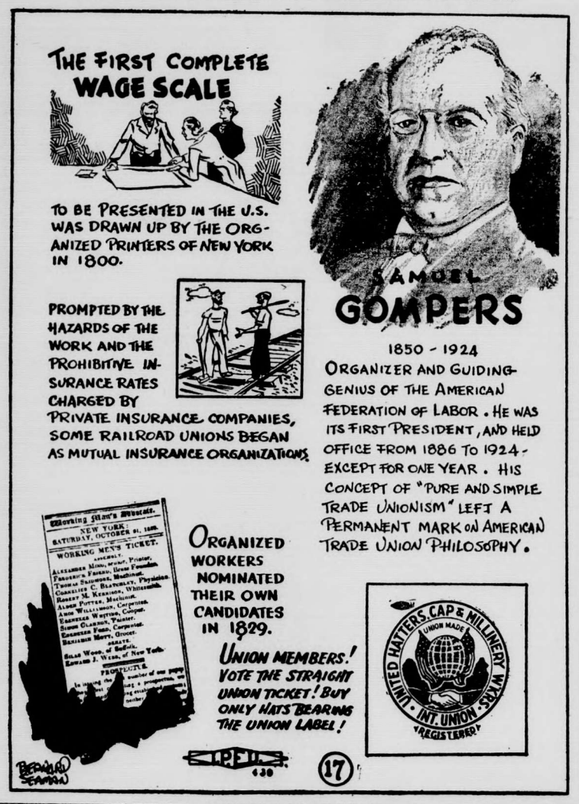
Fortunately, the "Journal's" head writer undertakes to put it all in this simple sentence: "Failure of consumption of non-durable goods to keep abreast of production is a danger sign." And the experts help out by adding that family incomes "are the primary determinants of the amount of goods they buy; a complex of their hopes and fears regarding the future is a secondary factor."

In simple English: Low incomes mean poor business. It will be a happy day for America when businessmen see the truth of that principle.

Then, instead of advocating wage cuts, they will call for wage boosts, and they will join labor in denouncing the "sweatshopper" who, blinded by greed, is constantly threatening the stability of our economic structure.

**If you can't say something good about your union don't say anything. The union has made it possible for many things otherwise you would be without. It pays to belong to an AFL union.**

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# The Union Spirit, July 4, 1940!




# Union Labor Always Does Its Share!

by I. M. ORNBURN, Secretary-Treasurer
Union Label Trades Department
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The officers and members of the affiliated unions of the Union Label Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor pledge their unqualified support to the president of the United States in his program to protect America from foreign invasion.

We have consistently advocated that our government buy products that are made in America by American workers under standard union labor conditions. This would develop our own industries. It would increase America's economic stability. In no better way can any organization create greater loyalty and patriotism for a nation than to urge better working conditions for the men who make the tanks, airplanes and other munitions of war.

After all, it will be the hands of American workers who will actually turn out the weapons of defense and it will be the hands of the workers who will direct the mechanized forces in defense of the United States and Canada.

We believe that the best preparation for war is based on contented, self-supporting and self-respecting citizens who are always ready and willing to fight to preserve our democratic institutions.

For every soldier at the front modern warfare requires twelve men behind the line to manufacture the necessary munitions and transport them to the battle front. We represent the skilled mechanics and workers who, with government money and not private capital, will actually manufacture these weapons of warfare.

America is filled with patriotic citizens who will give their last drop of blood in trench and in factory for the preservation of America. We are happy to say that with the aroused public opinion against unregistered aliens and fifth columnists, America will soon become a land where only American workers will be employed and where American-made goods will be purchased not only by government but by all American consumers as well.

Again, without any qualifications, we pledge our loyal support to make America safe for Americans!

## HOLD THE PHONE

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paper) the CIO and other "fellow travelers" were present to speak on "peace" in their humble way.

**And what a miserable "flop" the meeting was. There were the boys on the stage all ready to shoot their "commie" propaganda but the auditorium was practically empty . . . only 30 showed up in a place that seats at least 3,000.**

**And to hear the excuses the "commies" offered because of the small attendance was a big joke in itself.**

**Even the representative of the "ham 'n eggs" didn't like the smell, and he walked out.**

**And like all "commie" meetings the boys passed out little envelopes asking for a donation to labor's non-partisan league when the meeting adjourned.**

**Indeed, it's part of the "fifth column" drive, these "peace" meetings. And to think they are allowed to use our schools as campaign headquarters makes my blood boil.**

## Extra Pay for Overtime Included in Naval Bill

Civilian employes in navy yards and on naval stations would be paid time and one-half for work over forty hours weekly under terms of the house bill to expedite shipbuilding as rewritten by the senate naval affairs committee. Senator Walsh of Massachusetts, chairman of the committee, in reporting the bill said it was revised to bring employes and contractors on navy emergency building under the same provisions as those working for the army.

The bill also provides that the navy's civilian employes entitled to leave may be employed at double pay in the leave period and bars manufacturers from employing aliens on confidential projects without express permission of the government.

## Fur Union Head Joins Air Force of Canada

Members of the American Federation of Labor in Canada are responding whole-heartedly to the Dominion's defense needs and many are enlisting in the Empire's armed forces to fight overseas.

Maurice Way, president of the fur workers' union, has resigned to enlist in the Royal Canadian air force. Large numbers of members and officials of other A. F. of L. unions are already in the ranks or preparing to join up.





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## THE LOWDOWN

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**The Oakland Plan**

There is little doubt but that the Oakland plan, successor to the old industrial association, will be much heard of in the next several days. This particularly caused by the teamsters' strike.

In the past week or so, we have been subjected to various scurrilous advertisements belittling the teamsters' union and the entire membership of the labor movement as well. These brazen ads over the signature of the Oakland plan have even gone so far as to intimate that labor unions might be fifth column in some of their activities. That such statements have caused the anger of members of bona fide labor unions is to be expected.

Some years ago, when the Oakland plan was merely a crawling infant, the A. F. of L. was asked to give its blessing. Brother Bill Spooner, then secretary of the labor council, seeing in the Oakland plan another labor-fighting industrial council, flatly refused.

It is apparent at this time, that the views of Brother Spooner were well founded. Such statements as have appeared in the local daily papers over the name of the Oakland plan can have but one ultimate objective . . "union busting."

Some months ago the paint makers' union asked for a war clause, a clause that would guarantee to the employes in the paint factories, that enlisted in the armed services of their country in time of war, their jobs back without loss of seniority, if they returned. The flag-waving Oakland plan, representing the paint manufacturers, refused this guarantee. Yet, the plan has the temerity to suggest that some labor union activities might be fifth column in their scope . . . these activities being the strike. Certainly there is a very apparent inconsistency somewhere..

It is high time the employers of Oakland woke up to the fact that their representation is causing a tremendous disfavor among their employes. Employers should know that the tactics indulged in by the Oakland plan are further and further widening the gap between employer and employe. The trust and confidence that employer-union relationships enjoyed during the last two years is rapidly disappearing under the barrage of insults and misrepresentations broadcast by the Oakland plan as representing many local employers.

When any organization will go so far as to request an employer to lay off his crew . . . for the purpose of causing the people of the east bay to blame the teamsters' union for spreading "creeping paralysis" then I for one say that that organization is certainly out of line. Ask the retail delivery drivers at Hinks' store in Berkeley why they aren't working. Why were 45 retail clerks recently laid off in an Oakland store? And there are lots of other "WHYS!"

**Did You Know?**

That Brother Tony Sabol, erstwhile trustee, recently endowed the good city of Oakland with a baby girl . . . Miss Sabol, in person. Congratulations, Tony and Mrs. Sabol.

**B. T. C. Picnic**

All members of the paint makers' union have been invited by the building trades council to their annual picnic at Linda Vista park, Mission San Jose, on Saturday, July 27. Mark the date for a good time. Personally speaking, we have always tremendously enjoyed these affairs and recommend your attendance.

**Agreement**

It has been called to the business representatives' attention that all paint makers do not have a copy of the current agreement recently signed with the paint manufacturers. This agreement is for two years. Please get your copy and keep the same for your reference.

**Sayings of the Sages**

Love rules without a sword
And binds without a cord.

## Building Has Taken Tremendous Spurt

Building construction is now at the highest levels in years and further expansion is in sight.

The "Wall Street Journal" reported this week that home building last month touched the 1929 mark, and that industrial construction, which has been lagging, has taken a "tremendous spurt."

Scores of industrial concerns have launched expansive programs, the "Journal" said, reporting a 175 per cent gain in awards last week.

This statement offsets the propaganda issued by the CIO wherein they state building has dropped during the past year because the A. F. of L. wages were too high. The CIO issued the propaganda to try and gain control of the building industry.

## $520,360,802 Federal Subsidy for Farmers

The agricultural adjustment administration announced that total payments already disbursed and estimated to be disbursed in the 1939 agricultural conservation program, including national and administrative expenses, amounted to $520,360,802 as of April 30, 1940.


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## Labor's Voice in Defense Is Asked

### A. F. of L. Also Urges Adequate Income For Workers

Organized labor should be represented on all policy groups dealing with the defense program as well as on all boards for training skilled workers, the American Federation of Labor's monthly survey of business declared.

The survey described the vast program for retooling of factories and said it would require $200,000,000 of machine tools and increase that industry's 1940 output by 50 per cent.

"The urgency of this program brings strong pressure for speed and efficiency and the shifts to be made are difficult," the survey continued.

"This is a time when America needs particularly to safeguard her democratic procedures. Unless we preserve the principles of representation, we are in grave danger of losing the very fundamentals of democracy which we build armaments to defend; and, once they are lost, no battleships or airplanes can restore them."

It was also suggested that the country must safeguard a steady progress towards higher living standards because "America's first line of defense is her man-power."

"Without the strength of human mind, muscle and will, armaments can neither be produced nor operated for defense," the report added. "Yet for the past ten years the ravages of depression have sapped the vitality of our people through low income and unemployment."

American Federation of Labor estimates state that half of American families are living below minimum standards for health and efficiency, according to the monthly report.

It urged that "as a matter of national conservation and preparation for defense steps must be taken to correct this sorry condition and revitalize our human energies by giving work and adequate income to our work forces."

"Fortunately this can be done in the present circumstances," the report declared. "The national defense program will lift production to higher levels, particularly in the heavy industries."

The report said that rapid increases in productivity have made it possible to increase wages, but actually wages, in the last twenty years, have not kept pace with productivity. Labor, it was asserted, is ready to give full co-operation in the defense program but "income increases should be fairly shared by workers as partners; millions of underprivileged should be brought nearer an adequate living standard."

The survey said that the shorter work week was necessary "to assure efficiency in the pressure of work ahead" and it was asserted that shortening hours "does not raise the employer's costs of production."

As long as the country has a large surplus labor supply, production can be increased without lengthening the work week, the statement added.

## *Meals for CCC Members Cost 12.72 Cents Each*

Civilian conservation corps enrollees were fed during April at an average cost of 12.72 cents per meal, James J. McEntee, director of the corps said. A total of 21,782,471 meals were served during the month.

Total expenditures for rations during the month amounted to $2,784,067.84, bringing to $30,454,267.09 the amount expended for food in the first ten months of the current fiscal year. The average cost per meal for the ten-month period was 12.96 cents.

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## HARD-FOUGHT STRIKE WON BY AFL UNIONS

Nearly 1,000 members of the international association of machinists and the international brotherhood of blacksmiths returned to work this week in 40 machine shops at Seattle, Wash., after winning a hard-fought one-month strike.

Wires received at machinists' headquarters in Washington disclosed that the strikers obtained nearly all of their demands—wage increases, vacations with pay, double pay for overtime and other gains.

The unions won the struggle despite a costly campaign of propaganda against the strike waged by the employers, who were united in the Washington Metal Trades, Inc. Newspapers carried stories that the walkout held up "national defense" work, but the unions exposed these yarns as "fakes."

## Britain to Send 20,000 Children to Dominions

The British government is setting up a plan to send 20,000 children between the ages of 5 and 16 to the dominions of Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa as a measure of protection from the bombings already begun by Germany's air force.

## *USHA Homes in Houston Set Low U. S. Subsidy*

The United States housing authority announced that when Cuney homes, USHA-assisted project in Houston, Texas, is open to tenants some time in July, Uncle Sam's contribution per family will be $6.57 per month or $1.52 per week—the lowest federal subsidy achieved to date on any USHA-aided project.

## *Many Sawmills Violate Federal Wage-Hour Law*

Col. Philip B. Fleming, administrator of the wage and hour division of the department of labor, reported that one-fourth of the sawmills and lumber concentration yards inspected in the first three days of the division's nation-wide drive for compliance in the lumber industry appear to be violating the fair labor standards act of 1938.


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